

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known)

Chapter you are filing under:

☐ Chapter 7

☐ Chapter 11

☐ Chapter 12

☒ Chapter 13

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 101

# Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use *you* and *Debtor 1* to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use *you* to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

### Part 1: Identify Yourself

#### About Debtor 1:

#### About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

#### 1. Your full name

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

**Cherese**

First name

**L**

Middle name

**Pierce**

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

#### 2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

**FKA Cherese Thomas**

#### 3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)

**xxx-xx-0756**

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**About Debtor 1:**

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

**4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years**

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.

Include trade names and *doing business as* names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EIN

EIN

**5. Where you live**

**29 Howard Ave  
Hillside, IL 60162**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**Cook**

County

**If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

County

**If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy**

Check one:

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

☐ I have another reason.  
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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**Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case**

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☐ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☒ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
- |          |       |      |       |             |       |
|----------|-------|------|-------|-------------|-------|
| District | _____ | When | _____ | Case number | _____ |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
- |                       |       |                     |       |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Debtor                | _____ | Relationship to you | _____ |
| District              | _____ | When                | _____ |
| Case number, if known | _____ |                     |       |
| Debtor                | _____ | Relationship to you | _____ |
| District              | _____ | When                | _____ |
| Case number, if known | _____ |                     |       |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it as part of this bankruptcy petition.

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**Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor**

**12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**

☒ No. Go to Part 4.

☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of business, if any

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

*Check the appropriate box to describe your business:*

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))  
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))  
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))  
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))  
☐ None of the above

**13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and are you a small business debtor or a debtor as defined by 11 U.S.C. § 1182(1)?**

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

*If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor or a debtor choosing to proceed under Subchapter V so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor or you are choosing to proceed under Subchapter V, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).*

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.

☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11, I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code, and I do not choose to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.

☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11, I am a debtor according to the definition in § 1182(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, and I choose to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.

**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention**

**14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**

☒ No.

☐ Yes. What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed? \_\_\_\_\_

*For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?*

Where is the property? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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**Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling**

**15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.**

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

**About Debtor 1:**

*You must check one:*

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.**  
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.**  
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**  
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

*You must check one:*

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**  
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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**Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes**

<b>16. What kind of debts do you have?</b>	<b>16a.</b>	<b>Are your debts primarily consumer debts?</b> <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	<b>16b.</b>	<b>Are your debts primarily business debts?</b> <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	<b>16c.</b>	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts  

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<b>17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.	I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.
<b>Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

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<b>18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
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<b>19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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<b>20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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**Part 7: Sign Below**

**For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Cherese L Pierce

**Cherese L Pierce**

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on **January 9, 2022**  
MM / DD / YYYY

Executed on  
MM / DD / YYYY

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**For your attorney, if you are represented by one**

**If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.**

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

**/s/ Angie Lee**

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

**January 9, 2022**

MM / DD / YYYY

**Angie Lee**

Printed name

**Lee Ratliff & Associates LLC**

Firm name

**PO Box 677**

**Flossmoor, IL 60422**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone **7083659937**

Email address

**angieleelaw900@gmail.com**

**6282075 IL**

Bar number & State

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1	<b>Cherese L Pierce</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106Sum

### Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Fill out all of your schedules first; then complete the information on this form. If you are filing amended schedules after you file your original forms, you must fill out a new *Summary* and check the box at the top of this page.

#### Part 1: Summarize Your Assets

		Your assets Value of what you own
1. <b>Schedule A/B: Property</b> (Official Form 106A/B)		
1a. Copy line 55, Total real estate, from Schedule A/B.....	\$	<b>93,000.00</b>
1b. Copy line 62, Total personal property, from Schedule A/B.....	\$	<b>63,800.00</b>
1c. Copy line 63, Total of all property on Schedule A/B.....	\$	<b>156,800.00</b>

#### Part 2: Summarize Your Liabilities

		Your liabilities Amount you owe
2. <b>Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property</b> (Official Form 106D)		
2a. Copy the total you listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , at the bottom of the last page of Part 1 of <i>Schedule D</i> ...	\$	<b>170,000.00</b>
3. <b>Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims</b> (Official Form 106E/F)		
3a. Copy the total claims from Part 1 (priority unsecured claims) from line 6e of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....	\$	<b>0.00</b>
3b. Copy the total claims from Part 2 (nonpriority unsecured claims) from line 6j of <i>Schedule E/F</i> .....	\$	<b>119.00</b>
<b>Your total liabilities</b>		<b>\$ 170,119.00</b>

#### Part 3: Summarize Your Income and Expenses

4. <b>Schedule I: Your Income</b> (Official Form 106I)		
Copy your combined monthly income from line 12 of <i>Schedule I</i> .....	\$	<b>3,899.51</b>
5. <b>Schedule J: Your Expenses</b> (Official Form 106J)		
Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c of <i>Schedule J</i> .....	\$	<b>2,915.51</b>

#### Part 4: Answer These Questions for Administrative and Statistical Records

6. **Are you filing for bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11, or 13?**
- ☐ No. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.
- ☒ Yes
7. **What kind of debt do you have?**
- ☒ **Your debts are primarily consumer debts.** *Consumer debts* are those "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." 11 U.S.C. § 101(8). Fill out lines 8-9g for statistical purposes. 28 U.S.C. § 159.
- ☐ **Your debts are not primarily consumer debts.** You have nothing to report on this part of the form. *Check this box* and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.



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8. **From the *Statement of Your Current Monthly Income*:** Copy your total current monthly income from Official Form 122A-1 Line 11; **OR**, Form 122B Line 11; **OR**, Form 122C-1 Line 14.

\$ **4,500.00**

9. **Copy the following special categories of claims from Part 4, line 6 of *Schedule E/F*:**

**From Part 4 on *Schedule E/F*, copy the following:**

	Total claim
9a. Domestic support obligations (Copy line 6a.)	\$ <b>0.00</b>
9b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government. (Copy line 6b.)	\$ <b>0.00</b>
9c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated. (Copy line 6c.)	\$ <b>0.00</b>
9d. Student loans. (Copy line 6f.)	\$ <b>0.00</b>
9e. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims. (Copy line 6g.)	\$ <b>0.00</b>
9f. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts. (Copy line 6h.)	+\$ <b>0.00</b>

9g. **Total.** Add lines 9a through 9f.

\$ **0.00**

**Fill in this information to identify your case and this filing:**

Debtor 1	<b>Cherese L Pierce</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: <b>NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS</b>			
Case number _____			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106A/B Schedule A/B: Property

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In each category, separately list and describe items. List an asset only once. If an asset fits in more than one category, list the asset in the category where you think it fits best. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1: Describe Each Residence, Building, Land, or Other Real Estate You Own or Have an Interest In**

1. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any residence, building, land, or similar property?

- ☐ No. Go to Part 2.
- ☒ Yes. Where is the property?

1.1

**29 Howard Ave**

Street address, if available, or other description

**Hillside** **IL** **60162-0000**  
City State ZIP Code

**Cook**  
County

**What is the property?** Check all that apply

- ☒ Single-family home
- ☐ Duplex or multi-unit building
- ☐ Condominium or cooperative
- ☐ Manufactured or mobile home
- ☐ Land
- ☐ Investment property
- ☐ Timeshare
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Who has an interest in the property?** Check one

- ☐ Debtor 1 only
- ☐ Debtor 2 only
- ☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only
- ☒ At least one of the debtors and another

Other information you wish to add about this item, such as local property identification number:

**Purchased in Aug 1996 for \$127,000. Joint tenants with Kevin Knox Sr**

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put the amount of any secured claims on *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property*.

Current value of the entire property?	Current value of the portion you own?
<b>\$186,000.00</b>	<b>\$93,000.00</b>

Describe the nature of your ownership interest (such as fee simple, tenancy by the entireties, or a life estate), if known.

**Joint tenant**

☐ Check if this is community property (see instructions)

2. Add the dollar value of the portion you own for all of your entries from Part 1, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 1. Write that number here.....=>

**\$93,000.00**

**Part 2: Describe Your Vehicles**

Do you own, lease, or have legal or equitable interest in any vehicles, whether they are registered or not? Include any vehicles you own that someone else drives. If you lease a vehicle, also report it on *Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases*.

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3. Cars, vans, trucks, tractors, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles

- ☐ No  
☒ Yes

3.1 Make: **Dodge**  
 Model: **Grand Caravan**  
 Year: **2015**  
 Approximate mileage: **77,000**  
 Other information:

Who has an interest in the property? Check one

- ☒ Debtor 1 only  
☐ Debtor 2 only  
☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only  
☐ At least one of the debtors and another  
☐ Check if this is community property  
 (see instructions)

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put the amount of any secured claims on Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property.

Current value of the entire property?

Current value of the portion you own?

**\$7,000.00**

**\$7,000.00**

4. Watercraft, aircraft, motor homes, ATVs and other recreational vehicles, other vehicles, and accessories

Examples: Boats, trailers, motors, personal watercraft, fishing vessels, snowmobiles, motorcycle accessories

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes

5 Add the dollar value of the portion you own for all of your entries from Part 2, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 2. Write that number here.....=>

**\$7,000.00**

**Part 3: Describe Your Personal and Household Items**

Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following items?

Current value of the portion you own?

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.

6. Household goods and furnishings

Examples: Major appliances, furniture, linens, china, kitchenware

- ☐ No  
☒ Yes. Describe.....

**All household goods and furniture**

**\$500.00**

7. Electronics

Examples: Televisions and radios; audio, video, stereo, and digital equipment; computers, printers, scanners; music collections; electronic devices including cell phones, cameras, media players, games

- ☐ No  
☒ Yes. Describe.....

**TV, DVD, and all other electronics**

**\$500.00**

8. Collectibles of value

Examples: Antiques and figurines; paintings, prints, or other artwork; books, pictures, or other art objects; stamp, coin, or baseball card collections; other collections, memorabilia, collectibles

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Describe.....

9. Equipment for sports and hobbies

Examples: Sports, photographic, exercise, and other hobby equipment; bicycles, pool tables, golf clubs, skis; canoes and kayaks; carpentry tools; musical instruments

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Describe.....

10. Firearms

Examples: Pistols, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, and related equipment

- ☒ No

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☐ Yes. Describe.....

**11. Clothes**

*Examples:* Everyday clothes, furs, leather coats, designer wear, shoes, accessories

☐ No

☒ Yes. Describe.....

**Clothing owned by debtor**

**\$700.00**

**12. Jewelry**

*Examples:* Everyday jewelry, costume jewelry, engagement rings, wedding rings, heirloom jewelry, watches, gems, gold, silver

☒ No

☐ Yes. Describe.....

**13. Non-farm animals**

*Examples:* Dogs, cats, birds, horses

☒ No

☐ Yes. Describe.....

**14. Any other personal and household items you did not already list, including any health aids you did not list**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information.....

**15. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 3, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 3. Write that number here .....**

**\$1,700.00**

**Part 4: Describe Your Financial Assets**

**Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following?**

**Current value of the portion you own?**  
Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.

**16. Cash**

*Examples:* Money you have in your wallet, in your home, in a safe deposit box, and on hand when you file your petition

☒ No

☐ Yes.....

**17. Deposits of money**

*Examples:* Checking, savings, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in credit unions, brokerage houses, and other similar institutions. If you have multiple accounts with the same institution, list each.

☐ No

☒ Yes.....

Institution name:

**17.1. Checking**

**Fifth Third**

**\$100.00**

**18. Bonds, mutual funds, or publicly traded stocks**

*Examples:* Bond funds, investment accounts with brokerage firms, money market accounts

☒ No

☐ Yes.....

Institution or issuer name:

**19. Non-publicly traded stock and interests in incorporated and unincorporated businesses, including an interest in an LLC, partnership, and joint venture**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information about them.....

Name of entity:

% of ownership:

**20. Government and corporate bonds and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments**

*Negotiable instruments* include personal checks, cashiers' checks, promissory notes, and money orders.

*Non-negotiable instruments* are those you cannot transfer to someone by signing or delivering them.

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information about them

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Issuer name:

**21. Retirement or pension accounts**

*Examples:* Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, 401(k), 403(b), thrift savings accounts, or other pension or profit-sharing plans

☐ No

☒ Yes. List each account separately.

Type of account:

Institution name:

**Pension**

**Pension**

**\$55,000.00**

**22. Security deposits and prepayments**

Your share of all unused deposits you have made so that you may continue service or use from a company

*Examples:* Agreements with landlords, prepaid rent, public utilities (electric, gas, water), telecommunications companies, or others

☒ No

☐ Yes. ....

Institution name or individual:

**23. Annuities** (A contract for a periodic payment of money to you, either for life or for a number of years)

☒ No

☐ Yes.....

Issuer name and description.

**24. Interests in an education IRA, in an account in a qualified ABLE program, or under a qualified state tuition program.**

26 U.S.C. §§ 530(b)(1), 529A(b), and 529(b)(1).

☒ No

☐ Yes.....

Institution name and description. Separately file the records of any interests. 11 U.S.C. § 521(c):

**25. Trusts, equitable or future interests in property (other than anything listed in line 1), and rights or powers exercisable for your benefit**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information about them...

**26. Patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and other intellectual property**

*Examples:* Internet domain names, websites, proceeds from royalties and licensing agreements

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information about them...

**27. Licenses, franchises, and other general intangibles**

*Examples:* Building permits, exclusive licenses, cooperative association holdings, liquor licenses, professional licenses

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information about them...

**Money or property owed to you?**

**Current value of the portion you own?**

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.

**28. Tax refunds owed to you**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information about them, including whether you already filed the returns and the tax years.....

**29. Family support**

*Examples:* Past due or lump sum alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, property settlement

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information.....

**30. Other amounts someone owes you**

*Examples:* Unpaid wages, disability insurance payments, disability benefits, sick pay, vacation pay, workers' compensation, Social Security benefits; unpaid loans you made to someone else

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information..

**31. Interests in insurance policies**

*Examples:* Health, disability, or life insurance; health savings account (HSA); credit, homeowner's, or renter's insurance

☐ No

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☒ Yes. Name the insurance company of each policy and list its value.

Company name:

Beneficiary:

Surrender or refund value:

**Life insurance through Employer**

**\$0.00**

**32. Any interest in property that is due you from someone who has died**

If you are the beneficiary of a living trust, expect proceeds from a life insurance policy, or are currently entitled to receive property because someone has died.

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information..

**33. Claims against third parties, whether or not you have filed a lawsuit or made a demand for payment**

*Examples: Accidents, employment disputes, insurance claims, or rights to sue*

☒ No

☐ Yes. Describe each claim.....

**34. Other contingent and unliquidated claims of every nature, including counterclaims of the debtor and rights to set off claims**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Describe each claim.....

**35. Any financial assets you did not already list**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information..

**36. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 4, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 4. Write that number here.....**

**\$55,100.00**

**Part 5: Describe Any Business-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In. List any real estate in Part 1.**

**37. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any business-related property?**

☒ No. Go to Part 6.

☐ Yes. Go to line 38.

**Part 6: Describe Any Farm- and Commercial Fishing-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In.**

If you own or have an interest in farmland, list it in Part 1.

**46. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any farm- or commercial fishing-related property?**

☒ No. Go to Part 7.

☐ Yes. Go to line 47.

**Part 7: Describe All Property You Own or Have an Interest in That You Did Not List Above**

**53. Do you have other property of any kind you did not already list?**

*Examples: Season tickets, country club membership*

☒ No

☐ Yes. Give specific information.....

**54. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 7. Write that number here .....**

**\$0.00**

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**Part 8:** List the Totals of Each Part of this Form

55. Part 1: Total real estate, line 2 .....		<b>\$93,000.00</b>
56. Part 2: Total vehicles, line 5	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	
57. Part 3: Total personal and household items, line 15	<b>\$1,700.00</b>	
58. Part 4: Total financial assets, line 36	<b>\$55,100.00</b>	
59. Part 5: Total business-related property, line 45	<b>\$0.00</b>	
60. Part 6: Total farm- and fishing-related property, line 52	<b>\$0.00</b>	
61. Part 7: Total other property not listed, line 54	<b>\$0.00</b>	
62. Total personal property. Add lines 56 through 61...	<b>\$63,800.00</b>	Copy personal property total <b>\$63,800.00</b>
63. Total of all property on Schedule A/B. Add line 55 + line 62		<b>\$156,800.00</b>

## Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	<b>Cherese L Pierce</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106C

## Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Using the property you listed on *Schedule A/B: Property* (Official Form 106A/B) as your source, list the property that you claim as exempt. If more space is needed, fill out and attach to this page as many copies of *Part 2: Additional Page* as necessary. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

For each item of property you claim as exempt, you must specify the amount of the exemption you claim. One way of doing so is to state a specific dollar amount as exempt. Alternatively, you may claim the full fair market value of the property being exempted up to the amount of any applicable statutory limit. Some exemptions—such as those for health aids, rights to receive certain benefits, and tax-exempt retirement funds—may be unlimited in dollar amount. However, if you claim an exemption of 100% of fair market value under a law that limits the exemption to a particular dollar amount and the value of the property is determined to exceed that amount, your exemption would be limited to the applicable statutory amount.

**Part 1:** Identify the Property You Claim as Exempt

1. Which set of exemptions are you claiming? Check one only, even if your spouse is filing with you.

☒ You are claiming state and federal nonbankruptcy exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(3)

☐ You are claiming federal exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(2)

2. For any property you list on *Schedule A/B* that you claim as exempt, fill in the information below.

Brief description of the property and line on <i>Schedule A/B</i> that lists this property	Current value of the portion you own <small>Copy the value from <i>Schedule A/B</i></small>	Amount of the exemption you claim <small>Check only one box for each exemption.</small>	Specific laws that allow exemption
<b>2015 Dodge Grand Caravan 77,000 miles</b> Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 3.1	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$2,400.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(c)
<b>2015 Dodge Grand Caravan 77,000 miles</b> Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 3.1	<b>\$7,000.00</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$3,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
<b>All household goods and furniture</b> Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 6.1	<b>\$500.00</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$500.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
<b>TV, DVD, and all other electronics</b> Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 7.1	<b>\$500.00</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$500.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
<b>Clothing owned by debtor</b> Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 11.1	<b>\$700.00</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$700.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(a)



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Brief description of the property and line on Schedule A/B that lists this property	Current value of the portion you own <small>Copy the value from Schedule A/B</small>	Amount of the exemption you claim <small>Check only one box for each exemption.</small>	Specific laws that allow exemption
<b>Pension: Pension</b> Line from Schedule A/B: 21.1	<b>\$55,000.00</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>\$0.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	<b>40 ILCS 5/8-244, 5/9-228, 5/14-147</b>

3. **Are you claiming a homestead exemption of more than \$170,350?**

(Subject to adjustment on 4/01/22 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.)

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes. Did you acquire the property covered by the exemption within 1,215 days before you filed this case?
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

## Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	<b>Cherese L Pierce</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

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## Official Form 106D

## Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

## 1. Do any creditors have claims secured by your property?

☐ No. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.

☒ Yes. Fill in all of the information below.

## Part 1: List All Secured Claims

2. List all secured claims. If a creditor has more than one secured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. If more than one creditor has a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 2. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditor's name.

	Column A Amount of claim Do not deduct the value of collateral.	Column B Value of collateral that supports this claim	Column C Unsecured portion If any
2.1 <b>Rushmore Loan</b> Creditor's Name  <b>15480 Laguna Canyon Road Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92618</b> Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code	<b>Describe the property that secures the claim:</b> <b>29 Howard Ave Hillside, IL 60162 Cook County Purchased in Aug 1996 for \$127,000. Joint tenants with Kevin Knox Sr</b> As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Nature of lien.</b> Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien) <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment lien from a lawsuit <input type="checkbox"/> Other (including a right to offset)	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	<b>\$186,000.00</b>
<p>Who owes the debt? Check one.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only  <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only  <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only  <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another  <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt</p>			
<p>Opened <b>8/30/96</b> Last Active <b>2/27/04</b> Date debt was incurred <b>2/27/04</b> Last 4 digits of account number <b>6821</b></p>			

Add the dollar value of your entries in Column A on this page. Write that number here:

\$170,000.00

If this is the last page of your form, add the dollar value totals from all pages.  
Write that number here:

\$170,000.00

## Part 2: List Others to Be Notified for a Debt That You Already Listed

Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy for a debt that you already listed in Part 1. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the creditor in Part 1, and then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Part 1, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Part 1, do not fill out or submit this page.

[ ]	Name, Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code <b>Diaz Anselmo 1771 West Diehl Road Suite 120 Naperville, IL 60563</b>	On which line in Part 1 did you enter the creditor? <b>2.1</b> Last 4 digits of account number ____
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Debtor 1 **Cherese L Pierce** Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1	<b>Cherese L Pierce</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2			
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number			
(if known)			

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**Official Form 106E/F**

**Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. Use Part 1 for creditors with PRIORITY claims and Part 2 for creditors with NONPRIORITY claims. List the other party to any executory contracts or unexpired leases that could result in a claim. Also list executory contracts on Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B) and on Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 106G). Do not include any creditors with partially secured claims that are listed in Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property. If more space is needed, copy the Part you need, fill it out, number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Continuation Page to this page. If you have no information to report in a Part, do not file that Part. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

**Part 1: List All of Your PRIORITY Unsecured Claims**

1. Do any creditors have priority unsecured claims against you?

- ☒ No. Go to Part 2.  
☐ Yes.

**Part 2: List All of Your NONPRIORITY Unsecured Claims**

3. Do any creditors have nonpriority unsecured claims against you?

- ☐ No. You have nothing to report in this part. Submit this form to the court with your other schedules.  
☒ Yes.

4. List all of your nonpriority unsecured claims in the alphabetical order of the creditor who holds each claim. If a creditor has more than one nonpriority unsecured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. For each claim listed, identify what type of claim it is. Do not list claims already included in Part 1. If more than one creditor holds a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 3. If you have more than three nonpriority unsecured claims fill out the Continuation Page of Part 2.

		<b>Total claim</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: 30px; float: left; margin-right: 5px;">4.1</div> <b>Equifax</b> Nonpriority Creditor's Name <b>Attn: Bankruptcy Dept.</b> <b>P.O. Box 740241</b> <b>Atlanta, GA 30374</b> Number Street City State Zip Code <b>Who incurred the debt?</b> Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt <b>Is the claim subject to offset?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Last 4 digits of account number _____ When was the debt incurred? _____  <b>As of the date you file, the claim is:</b> Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <b>Notice Only</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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4.2	<b>Experian</b> Nonpriority Creditor's Name <b>Attn: Bankruptcy Dept.</b> <b>P.O. Box 2002</b> <b>Allen, TX 75013</b> Number Street City State Zip Code <b>Who incurred the debt?</b> Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt <b>Is the claim subject to offset?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Last 4 digits of account number _____ <b>When was the debt incurred?</b> _____  <b>As of the date you file, the claim is:</b> Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <b>Notice Only</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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4.3	<b>Merchants Credit Guide</b> Nonpriority Creditor's Name  <b>209 South Lasalle St</b> <b>Chicago, IL 60604</b> Number Street City State Zip Code <b>Who incurred the debt?</b> Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt <b>Is the claim subject to offset?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Last 4 digits of account number <b>1029</b>  <b>When was the debt incurred?</b> <b>Opened 08/20 Last Active 03/19</b>  <b>As of the date you file, the claim is:</b> Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <b>Collection Attorney Elmhurst Memorial Hospital</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
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4.4	<b>Td Bank Usa/targetcred</b> Nonpriority Creditor's Name  <b>Po Box 673</b> <b>Minneapolis, MN 55440</b> Number Street City State Zip Code <b>Who incurred the debt?</b> Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt <b>Is the claim subject to offset?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Last 4 digits of account number <b>6741</b>  <b>When was the debt incurred?</b> <b>Opened 12/16 Last Active 06/21</b>  <b>As of the date you file, the claim is:</b> Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed <b>Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <b>Credit Card</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>
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**Transunion**

Nonpriority Creditor's Name

**Attn: Bankruptcy Dept.**

**P.O. Box 1000**

**Crum Lynne, PA 19022**

Number Street City State Zip Code

**Who incurred the debt?** Check one.

☒ Debtor 1 only

☐ Debtor 2 only

☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only

☐ At least one of the debtors and another

☐ **Check if this claim is for a community debt**

**Is the claim subject to offset?**

☒ No

☐ Yes

Last 4 digits of account number

**\$0.00**

**When was the debt incurred?**

**As of the date you file, the claim is:** Check all that apply

☐ Contingent

☐ Unliquidated

☐ Disputed

**Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:**

☐ Student loans

☐ Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims

☐ Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts

☒ Other. Specify **Notice Only**

**Part 3: List Others to Be Notified About a Debt That You Already Listed**

5. Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy, for a debt that you already listed in Parts 1 or 2. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the original creditor in Parts 1 or 2, then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Parts 1 or 2, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Parts 1 or 2, do not fill out or submit this page.

**Part 4: Add the Amounts for Each Type of Unsecured Claim**

6. Total the amounts of certain types of unsecured claims. This information is for statistical reporting purposes only. 28 U.S.C. §159. Add the amounts for each type of unsecured claim.

		Total Claim	
Total claims from Part 1	6a. Domestic support obligations	6a. \$	<b>0.00</b>
	6b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government	6b. \$	<b>0.00</b>
	6c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated	6c. \$	<b>0.00</b>
	6d. Other. Add all other priority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6d. \$	<b>0.00</b>
	6e. Total Priority. Add lines 6a through 6d.	6e. \$	<b>0.00</b>
Total claims from Part 2	6f. Student loans	6f. \$	<b>0.00</b>
	6g. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims	6g. \$	<b>0.00</b>
	6h. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts	6h. \$	<b>0.00</b>
	6i. Other. Add all other nonpriority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6i. \$	<b>119.00</b>
	6j. Total Nonpriority. Add lines 6f through 6i.	6j. \$	<b>119.00</b>

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1	<b>Cherese L Pierce</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2			
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number			
(if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106G

### Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

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**Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the additional page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this page. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).**

**1. Do you have any executory contracts or unexpired leases?**

- ☒ No. Check this box and file this form with the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.  
☐ Yes. Fill in all of the information below even if the contacts of leases are listed on *Schedule A/B:Property* (Official Form 106 A/B).

**2. List separately each person or company with whom you have the contract or lease. Then state what each contract or lease is for (for example, rent, vehicle lease, cell phone). See the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet for more examples of executory contracts and unexpired leases.**

	Person or company with whom you have the contract or lease <small>Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code</small>	State what the contract or lease is for
2.1	<div>Name</div> <div>Number Street</div> <div>City State ZIP Code</div>	
2.2	<div>Name</div> <div>Number Street</div> <div>City State ZIP Code</div>	
2.3	<div>Name</div> <div>Number Street</div> <div>City State ZIP Code</div>	
2.4	<div>Name</div> <div>Number Street</div> <div>City State ZIP Code</div>	
2.5	<div>Name</div> <div>Number Street</div> <div>City State ZIP Code</div>	

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	<b>Cherese L Pierce</b>		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 106H Schedule H: Your Codebtors

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Codebtors are people or entities who are also liable for any debts you may have. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, and number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Additional Page to this page. On the top of any Additional Pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

1. Do you have any codebtors? (If you are filing a joint case, do not list either spouse as a codebtor.

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes

2. Within the last 8 years, have you lived in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.)

- ☒ No. Go to line 3.  
☐ Yes. Did your spouse, former spouse, or legal equivalent live with you at the time?

3. In Column 1, list all of your codebtors. Do not include your spouse as a codebtor if your spouse is filing with you. List the person shown in line 2 again as a codebtor only if that person is a guarantor or cosigner. Make sure you have listed the creditor on Schedule D (Official Form 106D), Schedule E/F (Official Form 106E/F), or Schedule G (Official Form 106G). Use Schedule D, Schedule E/F, or Schedule G to fill out Column 2.

Column 1: Your codebtor

Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code

Column 2: The creditor to whom you owe the debt

Check all schedules that apply:

3.1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Schedule D, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule E/F, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule G, line \_\_\_\_\_

3.2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Schedule D, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule E/F, line \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Schedule G, line \_\_\_\_\_



Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Cherese L Pierce

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 income as of the following date:

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## Official Form 106I

### Schedule I: Your Income

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together (Debtor 1 and Debtor 2), both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If you are married and not filing jointly, and your spouse is living with you, include information about your spouse. If you are separated and your spouse is not filing with you, do not include information about your spouse. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

#### Part 1: Describe Employment

1. Fill in your employment information.

If you have more than one job, attach a separate page with information about additional employers.

Include part-time, seasonal, or self-employed work.

Occupation may include student or homemaker, if it applies.

Employment status

Occupation

Employer's name

Employer's address

Debtor 1

- ☒ Employed
- ☐ Not employed

Warrant Clerk

Clerk of the Circuit Court

118 N Clark  
Chicago, IL 60602

Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse

- ☐ Employed
- ☐ Not employed

How long employed there? 13 years

#### Part 2: Give Details About Monthly Income

Estimate monthly income as of the date you file this form. If you have nothing to report for any line, write \$0 in the space. Include your non-filing spouse unless you are separated.

If you or your non-filing spouse have more than one employer, combine the information for all employers for that person on the lines below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet to this form.

	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
2. List monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (before all payroll deductions). If not paid monthly, calculate what the monthly wage would be.	2. \$ <u>4,485.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
3. Estimate and list monthly overtime pay.	3. +\$ <u>0.00</u>	+\$ <u>N/A</u>
4. Calculate gross income. Add line 2 + line 3.	4. \$ <u>4,485.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

Debtor 1 **Cherese L Pierce**

Case number (if known)

	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
Copy line 4 here	4. \$ <b>4,485.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
<b>5. List all payroll deductions:</b>		
5a. Tax, Medicare, and Social Security deductions	5a. \$ <b>537.33</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
5b. Mandatory contributions for retirement plans	5b. \$ <b>381.33</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
5c. Voluntary contributions for retirement plans	5c. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
5d. Required repayments of retirement fund loans	5d. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
5e. Insurance	5e. \$ <b>101.83</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
5f. Domestic support obligations	5f. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
5g. Union dues	5g. \$ <b>65.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
5h. Other deductions. Specify:	5h.+ \$ <b>0.00</b>	+ \$ <b>N/A</b>
<b>6. Add the payroll deductions.</b> Add lines 5a+5b+5c+5d+5e+5f+5g+5h.	6. \$ <b>1,085.49</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
<b>7. Calculate total monthly take-home pay.</b> Subtract line 6 from line 4.	7. \$ <b>3,399.51</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
<b>8. List all other income regularly received:</b>		
8a. Net income from rental property and from operating a business, profession, or farm Attach a statement for each property and business showing gross receipts, ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total monthly net income.	8a. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
8b. Interest and dividends	8b. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
8c. Family support payments that you, a non-filing spouse, or a dependent regularly receive Include alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, and property settlement.	8c. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
8d. Unemployment compensation	8d. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
8e. Social Security	8e. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
8f. Other government assistance that you regularly receive Include cash assistance and the value (if known) of any non-cash assistance that you receive, such as food stamps (benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or housing subsidies. Specify:	8f. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
8g. Pension or retirement income	8g. \$ <b>0.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
8h. Other monthly income. Specify: <b>Son's contribution</b>	8h.+ \$ <b>500.00</b>	+ \$ <b>N/A</b>
<b>9. Add all other income.</b> Add lines 8a+8b+8c+8d+8e+8f+8g+8h.	9. \$ <b>500.00</b>	\$ <b>N/A</b>
<b>10. Calculate monthly income.</b> Add line 7 + line 9. Add the entries in line 10 for Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse.	10. \$ <b>3,899.51</b>	+ \$ <b>N/A</b> = \$ <b>3,899.51</b>
<b>11. State all other regular contributions to the expenses that you list in Schedule J.</b> Include contributions from an unmarried partner, members of your household, your dependents, your roommates, and other friends or relatives. Do not include any amounts already included in lines 2-10 or amounts that are not available to pay expenses listed in Schedule J. Specify:	11. +\$ <b>0.00</b>	
<b>12. Add the amount in the last column of line 10 to the amount in line 11.</b> The result is the combined monthly income. Write that amount on the Summary of Schedules and Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data, if it applies	12. \$ <b>3,899.51</b> <b>Combined monthly income</b>	
<b>13. Do you expect an increase or decrease within the year after you file this form?</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Explain:		

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Cherese L Pierce

Debtor 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number \_\_\_\_\_  
(If known)

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 expenses as of the following date:

MM / DD / YYYY

## Official Form 106J

### Schedule J: Your Expenses

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach another sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

#### Part 1: Describe Your Household

1. Is this a joint case?

☒ No. Go to line 2.

☐ Yes. Does Debtor 2 live in a separate household?

☐ No

☐ Yes. Debtor 2 must file Official Form 106J-2, *Expenses for Separate Household* of Debtor 2.

2. Do you have dependents? ☐ No

Do not list Debtor 1 and Debtor 2.

☒ Yes. Fill out this information for each dependent.....

Do not state the dependents names.

Dependent's relationship to Debtor 1 or Debtor 2

Dependent's age

Does dependent live with you?

Daughter

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- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

3. Do your expenses include expenses of people other than yourself and your dependents? ☐ No ☐ Yes

#### Part 2: Estimate Your Ongoing Monthly Expenses

Estimate your expenses as of your bankruptcy filing date unless you are using this form as a supplement in a Chapter 13 case to report expenses as of a date after the bankruptcy is filed. If this is a supplemental *Schedule J*, check the box at the top of the form and fill in the applicable date.

Include expenses paid for with non-cash government assistance if you know the value of such assistance and have included it on *Schedule I: Your Income* (Official Form 106I.)

Your expenses

4. The rental or home ownership expenses for your residence. Include first mortgage payments and any rent for the ground or lot.

4. \$ 1,100.00

If not included in line 4:

4a. Real estate taxes

4a. \$ 0.00

4b. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance

4b. \$ 0.00

4c. Home maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses

4c. \$ 50.00

4d. Homeowner's association or condominium dues

4d. \$ 0.00

5. Additional mortgage payments for your residence, such as home equity loans

5. \$ 0.00

Debtor 1 **Cherese L Pierce**

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6. <b>Utilities:</b>								
6a. Electricity, heat, natural gas	6a. \$	<b>220.00</b>						
6b. Water, sewer, garbage collection	6b. \$	<b>50.00</b>						
6c. Telephone, cell phone, Internet, satellite, and cable services	6c. \$	<b>240.00</b>						
6d. Other. Specify: _____	6d. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
7. <b>Food and housekeeping supplies</b>		7. \$ <b>605.51</b>						
8. <b>Childcare and children's education costs</b>		8. \$ <b>0.00</b>						
9. <b>Clothing, laundry, and dry cleaning</b>		9. \$ <b>100.00</b>						
10. <b>Personal care products and services</b>		10. \$ <b>100.00</b>						
11. <b>Medical and dental expenses</b>		11. \$ <b>50.00</b>						
12. <b>Transportation.</b> Include gas, maintenance, bus or train fare. Do not include car payments.		12. \$ <b>250.00</b>						
13. <b>Entertainment, clubs, recreation, newspapers, magazines, and books</b>		13. \$ <b>0.00</b>						
14. <b>Charitable contributions and religious donations</b>		14. \$ <b>0.00</b>						
15. <b>Insurance.</b> Do not include insurance deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20.								
15a. Life insurance	15a. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
15b. Health insurance	15b. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
15c. Vehicle insurance	15c. \$	<b>150.00</b>						
15d. Other insurance. Specify: _____	15d. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
16. <b>Taxes.</b> Do not include taxes deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20. Specify: _____		16. \$ <b>0.00</b>						
17. <b>Installment or lease payments:</b>								
17a. Car payments for Vehicle 1	17a. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
17b. Car payments for Vehicle 2	17b. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
17c. Other. Specify: _____	17c. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
17d. Other. Specify: _____	17d. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
18. <b>Your payments of alimony, maintenance, and support that you did not report as deducted from your pay on line 5, Schedule I, Your Income (Official Form 106I).</b>		18. \$ <b>0.00</b>						
19. <b>Other payments you make to support others who do not live with you.</b> Specify: _____		\$ <b>0.00</b>						
20. <b>Other real property expenses not included in lines 4 or 5 of this form or on Schedule I: Your Income.</b>								
20a. Mortgages on other property	20a. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
20b. Real estate taxes	20b. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
20c. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance	20c. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
20d. Maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses	20d. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
20e. Homeowner's association or condominium dues	20e. \$	<b>0.00</b>						
21. <b>Other:</b> Specify: _____		21. +\$ <b>0.00</b>						
22. <b>Calculate your monthly expenses</b>								
22a. Add lines 4 through 21.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td><b>2,915.51</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td><b>2,915.51</b></td> </tr> </table> </div>		\$	<b>2,915.51</b>	\$		\$	<b>2,915.51</b>
\$			<b>2,915.51</b>					
\$								
\$	<b>2,915.51</b>							
22b. Copy line 22 (monthly expenses for Debtor 2), if any, from Official Form 106J-2								
22c. Add line 22a and 22b. The result is your monthly expenses.								
23. <b>Calculate your monthly net income.</b>								
23a. Copy line 12 ( <i>your combined monthly income</i> ) from Schedule I.	23a. \$	<b>3,899.51</b>						
23b. Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c above.	23b. -\$	<b>2,915.51</b>						
23c. Subtract your monthly expenses from your monthly income. The result is your <i>monthly net income</i> .		23c. \$ <b>984.00</b>						

24. **Do you expect an increase or decrease in your expenses within the year after you file this form?**  
For example, do you expect to finish paying for your car loan within the year or do you expect your mortgage payment to increase or decrease because of a modification to the terms of your mortgage?

☒ No.

☐ Yes.

Explain here:

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1 Cherese L Pierce  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2  
(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number  
(if known) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106Dec

**Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules**

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If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information.

You must file this form whenever you file bankruptcy schedules or amended schedules. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**Sign Below**

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is NOT an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of person \_\_\_\_\_ Attach Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature (Official Form 119)

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the summary and schedules filed with this declaration and that they are true and correct.

X /s/ Cherese L Pierce  
Cherese L Pierce  
Signature of Debtor 1

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 2

Date January 9, 2022

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill in this information to identify your case:**

Debtor 1 **Cherese L Pierce**  
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2  
(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

Case number  
(if known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

**Official Form 107**

**Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1: Give Details About Your Marital Status and Where You Lived Before**

**1. What is your current marital status?**

- ☐ Married  
☒ Not married

**2. During the last 3 years, have you lived anywhere other than where you live now?**

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. List all of the places you lived in the last 3 years. Do not include where you live now.

**Debtor 1 Prior Address:**

**Dates Debtor 1 lived there**

**Debtor 2 Prior Address:**

**Dates Debtor 2 lived there**

**3. Within the last 8 years, did you ever live with a spouse or legal equivalent in a community property state or territory?** (*Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.*)

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Make sure you fill out *Schedule H: Your Codebtors* (Official Form 106H).

**Part 2 Explain the Sources of Your Income**

**4. Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?**

Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

- ☐ No  
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

**For last calendar year:  
 (January 1 to December 31, 2021 )**

**Debtor 1**

**Sources of income**  
 Check all that apply.

- ☒ Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips  
☐ Operating a business

**Gross income**  
 (before deductions and exclusions)

**\$53,820.00**

**Debtor 2**

**Sources of income**  
 Check all that apply.

- ☐ Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips  
☐ Operating a business

**Gross income**  
 (before deductions and exclusions)

Debtor 1 **Cherese L Pierce**

Case number (if known)

	Debtor 1		Debtor 2	
	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
<b>For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2020 )</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	<b>\$41,414.00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	
<b>For the calendar year: (January 1 to December 31, 2019 )</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	<b>\$39,683.00</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	

**5. Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?**

Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of *other income* are alimony; child support; Social Security, unemployment, and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Debtor 1	Debtor 2
Sources of income Describe below.	Sources of income Describe below.
Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)

**Part 3: List Certain Payments You Made Before You Filed for Bankruptcy**

**6. Are either Debtor 1's or Debtor 2's debts primarily consumer debts?**

- ☐ No. **Neither Debtor 1 nor Debtor 2 has primarily consumer debts.** *Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$6,825\* or more?

- ☐ No. Go to line 7.  
☐ Yes List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$6,825\* or more in one or more payments and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

\* Subject to adjustment on 4/01/22 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.

- ☒ Yes. **Debtor 1 or Debtor 2 or both have primarily consumer debts.**

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$600 or more?

- ☒ No. Go to line 7.  
☐ Yes List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$600 or more and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for ...

Debtor 1 **Cherese L Pierce**

Case number (if known)

7. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make a payment on a debt you owed anyone who was an insider?**

*Insiders* include your relatives; any general partners; relatives of any general partners; partnerships of which you are a general partner; corporations of which you are an officer, director, person in control, or owner of 20% or more of their voting securities; and any managing agent, including one for a business you operate as a sole proprietor. 11 U.S.C. § 101. Include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony.

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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8. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make any payments or transfer any property on account of a debt that benefited an insider?**

Include payments on debts guaranteed or cosigned by an insider.

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment Include creditor's name
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**Part 4: Identify Legal Actions, Repossessions, and Foreclosures**

9. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were you a party in any lawsuit, court action, or administrative proceeding?**

List all such matters, including personal injury cases, small claims actions, divorces, collection suits, paternity actions, support or custody modifications, and contract disputes.

- ☐ No  
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case title Case number	Nature of the case	Court or agency	Status of the case
US Bank vs Debtor 2015 CH 5789	Foreclosure	Circuit Court of Cook County	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> On appeal <input type="checkbox"/> Concluded

10. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclosed, garnished, attached, seized, or levied?**

Check all that apply and fill in the details below.

- ☒ No. Go to line 11.  
☐ Yes. Fill in the information below.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the Property Explain what happened	Date	Value of the property
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11. **Within 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial institution, set off any amounts from your accounts or refuse to make a payment because you owed a debt?**

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the action the creditor took	Date action was taken	Amount
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12. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a court-appointed receiver, a custodian, or another official?**

- ☒ No  
☐ Yes



Debtor 1 **Cherese L Pierce**

Case number (if known)

**Part 5: List Certain Gifts and Contributions**

13. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

Gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person	Describe the gifts	Dates you gave the gifts	Value
Person to Whom You Gave the Gift and Address:			

14. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift or contribution.

Gifts or contributions to charities that total more than \$600	Describe what you contributed	Dates you contributed	Value
Charity's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)			

**Part 6: List Certain Losses**

15. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose anything because of theft, fire, other disaster, or gambling?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Describe the property you lost and how the loss occurred	Describe any insurance coverage for the loss	Date of your loss	Value of property lost
	Include the amount that insurance has paid. List pending insurance claims on line 33 of <i>Schedule A/B: Property</i> .		

**Part 7: List Certain Payments or Transfers**

16. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone you consulted about seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition?

Include any attorneys, bankruptcy petition preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services required in your bankruptcy.

☐ No

☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address Email or website address Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
Lee Ratliff & Associates LLC PO Box 677 Flossmoor, IL 60422 angieleelaw900@gmail.com	Attorney Fees		\$772.00
MoneySharp	credit counseling		\$10.00
CinLegal	credit report		\$28.00

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17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?  
Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
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18. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?  
Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as the granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property). Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Received Transfer Address	Description and value of property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Person's relationship to you			

19. Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary? (These are often called *asset-protection devices*.)

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of trust	Description and value of the property transferred	Date Transfer was made
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**Part 8:** List of Certain Financial Accounts, Instruments, Safe Deposit Boxes, and Storage Units

20. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?  
Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution and Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer
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21. Do you now have, or did you have within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, any safe deposit box or other depository for securities, cash, or other valuables?

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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22. Have you stored property in a storage unit or place other than your home within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy?

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Storage Facility Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else has or had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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**Part 9: Identify Property You Hold or Control for Someone Else**

23. Do you hold or control any property that someone else owns? Include any property you borrowed from, are storing for, or hold in trust for someone.

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Owner's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Where is the property? (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the property	Value
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**Part 10: Give Details About Environmental Information**

For the purpose of Part 10, the following definitions apply:

- ☐ **Environmental law** means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation concerning pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substances, wastes, or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including statutes or regulations controlling the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.
- ☐ **Site** means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.
- ☐ **Hazardous material** means anything an environmental law defines as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, contaminant, or similar term.

Report all notices, releases, and proceedings that you know about, regardless of when they occurred.

24. Has any governmental unit notified you that you may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an environmental law?

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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25. Have you notified any governmental unit of any release of hazardous material?

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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26. Have you been a party in any judicial or administrative proceeding under any environmental law? Include settlements and orders.

- ☐ No  
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case Title Case Number	Court or agency Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Nature of the case	Status of the case
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**Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business**

27. Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- ☐ A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time
- ☐ A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)
- ☐ A partner in a partnership
- ☐ An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation
- ☐ An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation

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☒ No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12.

☐ Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business.

Business Name

Address

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Describe the nature of the business

Name of accountant or bookkeeper

Employer Identification number

Do not include Social Security number or ITIN.

Dates business existed

28. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

☒ No

☐ Yes. Fill in the details below.

Name

Address

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Date Issued

**Part 12: Sign Below**

I have read the answers on this *Statement of Financial Affairs* and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers are true and correct. I understand that making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Cherese L Pierce

Cherese L Pierce

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2

Date January 9, 2022

Date

Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

☒ No

☐ Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of Person \_\_\_\_\_. Attach the *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).

## Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,  
and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts.  
*Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C.  
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual  
primarily for a personal, family, or  
household purpose."

### The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under  
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for family farmers or  
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for individuals with regular  
income

**You should have an attorney review your  
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of  
chapter.**

### Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245	filing fee
\$78	administrative fee
+	\$15 trustee surcharge
\$338	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial  
difficulty preventing them from paying their debts  
and who are willing to allow their non-exempt  
property to be used to pay their creditors. The  
primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have  
your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge  
relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay  
many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist  
for particular debts, and liens on property may still  
be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor  
may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or  
repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed  
certain kinds of improper conduct described in the  
Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your  
discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and  
you receive a discharge, some debts are not  
discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still  
be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement  
obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

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## Chapter 11: Reorganization

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	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$571	administrative fee
	\$1,738	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

### Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

#### Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$78	administrative fee
	\$278	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

#### Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$78	administrative fee
	\$313	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

- domestic support obligations,
- most student loans,
- certain taxes,
- debts for fraud or theft,
- debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,
- most criminal fines and restitution obligations,
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,
- certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and
- certain long-term secured debts.

### **Warning: File Your Forms on Time**

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms>

### **Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences**

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

### **Make sure the court has your mailing address**

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

### **Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies**

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/credit-counseling-and-debtor-education-courses>.

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/services-forms/bankruptcy/credit-counseling-and-debtor-education-courses>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.



Form 13-8

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**COURT-APPROVED RETENTION AGREEMENT  
(for cases filed on or after March 15, 2021)**

This agreement describes the rights and duties of debtors and their lawyers in Chapter 13 bankruptcy cases in the Northern District of Illinois. The debtor and lawyer must enter into this agreement for the lawyer to receive a flat fee of \$ 4,500.00 as compensation in the case. By signing this agreement, the debtor and lawyer agree to do everything this agreement requires.

**DO NOT sign this agreement unless you have read it and understand it.**

This agreement replaces any conflicting agreement between the debtor and the lawyer. If any provision of another agreement conflicts with this agreement, the lawyer will not be awarded a flat fee as compensation in the case.

The lawyer must perform all tasks reasonably necessary for the bankruptcy case. Performance of those tasks is a condition of receiving the flat fee. The lawyer may not charge any other fees for representing the debtor in the case. The sole exception, explained below, is representation of the debtor in certain lawsuits in the bankruptcy case known as adversary proceedings.

**1. Duties of the Debtor and the Lawyer**

**A. Counseling Before Filing a Bankruptcy Case**

Before a bankruptcy case is filed, the debtor must provide financial and other information to the lawyer. The lawyer must evaluate the information and advise the debtor whether filing a bankruptcy case is appropriate, and if so, under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. The lawyer must explain the advantages and disadvantages of filing a bankruptcy case.

If filing a chapter 13 bankruptcy case is appropriate, the lawyer must explain how and when attorneys' fees will be paid.

**B. Documents for the Case**

The lawyer or a member of the lawyer's staff must prepare all the documents required to be filed in the bankruptcy case. The debtor must provide all information the lawyer or a member of the lawyer's staff requests to prepare the documents. Failure to provide requested information will make it difficult or impossible for the lawyer to file the case or to represent the debtor once the case is filed. The lawyer must review each document with the debtor, who must approve and sign the documents.

**C. Representation of the Debtor throughout the Case**

The lawyer must represent the debtor at the § 341 meeting of creditors and in all court hearings. The lawyer must prepare and file all motions necessary for the case and must represent the debtor on all other motions that affect the debtor's interests.

The lawyer must examine all claims creditors file in the case and must object to claims if appropriate.

The lawyer must be available to answer the debtor's questions about the case and must answer them in a timely manner.

The debtor must notify the lawyer of any significant change in the debtor's circumstances, such as the loss of a job or the proposed purchase or sale of a home or car. The debtor must also notify the lawyer of any change in the debtor's address, phone number, or email address.

If the debtor and the lawyer decide that the case should be converted to a case under chapter 7, the lawyer must file the notice of conversion.

The lawyer must file and represent the debtor in adversary proceedings for turnover of property of the bankruptcy estate.

## **2. Attorneys' Fees and Expenses**

### **A. Flat Fee for Attorneys' Fees**

The lawyer may charge a flat fee for all services required in this agreement. The flat fee may not exceed the amount permitted by the court when the case is filed.

The flat fee does not cover:

- representing the debtor in adversary proceedings other than for turnover of estate property
- representing the debtor in the chapter 7 case, if the case is converted to chapter 7
- representing the debtor in appeals

The debtor and the lawyer can negotiate an additional fee for representation in adversary proceedings not included in the flat fee and for representation in a chapter 7 case if the case is converted.

### **B. Expenses**

The lawyer may also charge the debtor for certain actual, necessary expenses incurred in representing the debtor as permitted in this paragraph. These expenses are in addition to the flat attorney's fees. The court must approve all expenses.

The lawyer may charge the debtor for the following expenses:

- Court filing fees
- Fees charged by a credit reporting agency for a credit report
- Copying and postage charges as follows:
  1. A flat fee not to exceed \$25 for all copying and postage charges in the case. The copying and postage charges need not be itemized

2. The actual amount of postage and copying costs (no more than \$0.10 per page) incurred in the case. The itemization must state (a) the number of copies and the dates when the copies were made, and (2) the dates and amounts of postage charges incurred.

- Fees charged by the IRS or other taxing authorities to obtain tax returns
- Other actual, necessary expenses, but only if the lawyer submits to the court an itemization of the expenses with supporting copies of invoices or other documents

The lawyer may not charge the debtor for an outside service that serves documents filed in the bankruptcy case.

### **C. Advance Payment to the Lawyer**

The lawyer and the debtor must agree on whether the debtor will pay any or all of the attorneys' fee owed for the case before it is filed.

If the debtor makes a payment before the case is filed, the payment will be treated as an advance payment retainer.

The lawyer must explain to the debtor how an advance payment retainer is treated. The lawyer will not hold the retainer in a client trust account and it will become property of the lawyer upon payment. The special purpose of the advance payment retainer is that it permits the lawyer to be paid for essential work that must be performed before the court can consider the lawyer's fee application. The lawyer is not required to keep detailed time records because this is a flat fee agreement. The lawyer need not refund any portion of the advance payment if work is not performed, unless the court orders the lawyer to do so.

### **D. Payment of the Balance during the Case**

Attorneys' fees not paid before the case is filed will be paid to the lawyer by the trustee out of the debtor's plan payments. The debtor may not pay the lawyer directly after the case is filed.

The debtor's Chapter 13 plan may not provide for current monthly payments to secured creditors that are other than in equal amounts. The lawyer may not file a Chapter 13 plan for the debtor in which payments to a secured creditor are set at an amount that accelerates payments to the lawyer.

### **E. Additional Fees in Extraordinary Circumstances**

In extraordinary circumstances, the lawyer may apply to the court for additional compensation. The application must be accompanied by an itemization of the services rendered.

## **3. Coverage Counsel**

### **A. Disclosure of the Practice**

If the debtor's lawyer has a practice of using other lawyers not employed at the same firm to perform any of the lawyer's obligations under this agreement, he must disclose that practice to the debtor before the debtor signs the agreement.

**B. Identifying Coverage Counsel**

If the debtor's lawyer asks another lawyer not employed at the same firm to represent the debtor at the meeting of creditors or at any court appearance, the debtor's lawyer must notify the debtor in advance and must provide the name of the lawyer who will represent the debtor.

**C. Providing Information to Coverage Counsel**

If the debtor has information to give the other lawyer for the meeting of creditors or for a court appearance, the debtor must give that information to the debtor's lawyer. The debtor's lawyer must then promptly forward the information to the lawyer representing the debtor at the meeting or in court.

**4. Dismissal or Conversion of the Case**

If the bankruptcy case is dismissed or converted to another chapter before all plan payments have been made, the attorneys' fees paid to the lawyer are not refundable, unless the court orders the fees refunded.

If the bankruptcy case is dismissed after the court has granted the lawyer's application for compensation, the lawyer will not enforce the order granting the application against the debtor for any unpaid fees or expenses.

**5. Termination of this Agreement**

The debtor may terminate this agreement at any time. By terminating the agreement, the debtor ends the lawyer's representation. If the lawyer has not been paid in full when the agreement is terminated, the court may reduce the balance of attorneys' fees owed based on the services the lawyer provided before termination.

If the debtor terminates this agreement and hires another lawyer, the court may apportion the flat fee between the lawyers.

The lawyer may terminate this agreement only with court approval.

**6. Amount of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses**

**A. Attorneys' Fees:**

The debtor agrees to pay the lawyer a flat fee of \$ 4,500.00 for the lawyer's services in the chapter 13 case.

**B. Expenses:**

The estimated expenses for the case are: \$ 0.00

These expenses are for:

\$ 0.00

\$ 0.00

\$ **0.00**

\$ **0.00**

**C. Total Fees and Estimated Expenses:** \$ **4,500.00**

Advance payment by debtor: \$ **772.00**

Balance owed by debtor: \$ **3,728.00**

/s/ Chereese L Pierce

**Chereese L Pierce**

Debtor

/s/ Angie Lee

**Angie Lee**

Lawyer

Date: **January 9, 2022**

Debtor

Date: **January 9, 2022**

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**United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Cherese L Pierce**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter **13**

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept .....	\$	<b>4,500.00</b>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received .....	\$	<b>772.00</b>
Balance Due .....	\$	<b>3,728.00</b>

2. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):

4. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d. Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;
- e. [Other provisions as needed]

**Negotiations with secured creditors to reduce to market value; exemption planning; preparation and filing of reaffirmation agreements and applications as needed; preparation and filing of motions pursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on household goods; or judicial lien avoidances.**

6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

**Representation of the debtors in any dischargeability actions or any other adversary proceeding.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

**January 9, 2022**

*Date*

**/s/ Angie Lee**

**Angie Lee**

*Signature of Attorney*

**Lee Ratliff & Associates LLC**

**PO Box 677**

**Flossmoor, IL 60422**

**7083659937 Fax: 7082216174**

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*Name of law firm*

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **Cherese L Pierce**

Debtor(s)

Case No.  
Chapter

**13**

**VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX**

Number of Creditors: **7**

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: **January 9, 2022**

**/s/ Cherese L Pierce**

**Cherese L Pierce**

Signature of Debtor

Diaz Anselmo  
1771 West Diehl Road  
Suite 120  
Naperville, IL 60563

Equifax  
Attn: Bankruptcy Dept.  
P.O. Box 740241  
Atlanta, GA 30374

Experian  
Attn: Bankruptcy Dept.  
P.O. Box 2002  
Allen, TX 75013

Merchants Credit Guide  
209 South Lasalle St  
Chicago, IL 60604

Rushmore Loan  
15480 Laguna Canyon Road  
Suite 100  
Irvine, CA 92618

Td Bank Usa/targetcred  
Po Box 673  
Minneapolis, MN 55440

Transunion  
Attn: Bankruptcy Dept.  
P.O. Box 1000  
Crum Lynne, PA 19022